

Amendment to the Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A fatigue relieving/preventing apparatus associated with a vehicular control means comprising:

a first section that connects to a predetermined peripheral portion of the vehicular control means; and

a deformable section that connects to, and extends from, the first section ~~that is capable of supporting at least a portion of a vehicular operator's body~~ at the predetermined peripheral portion of the vehicular control means, the deformable section for supporting at least a portion of a vehicular operator's body, with the deformable section being deformable by the vehicular operator so that the deformable section is substantially out of interference with the vehicular operator's ability to operate the vehicular control means.

2. (Original) The apparatus as recited in claim 1, wherein the deformable second section is deformable in at least one direction when deforming pressure is applied to such deformable second section.

3. (Original) The apparatus as recited in claim 1, wherein the deformable second section supports a portion of the vehicular operator's body when pressure from such body portion is applied in at least one direction.

4. (Original) The apparatus as recited in claim 1, wherein the vehicular control means is capable of controlling at least a nautical vessel, aircraft, or ground transportation vehicle.

5. (Original) The apparatus as recited in claim 1, wherein the deformable second section will return to an original first position after deforming pressure is removed therefrom.

6. (Original) The apparatus as recited in claim 1, wherein the portion of the body supported by the deformable second section includes at least a forearm, wrist, or hand.

7. (Original) The apparatus as recited in claim 1, wherein the first section extends a length of a predetermined portion of the vehicular control means.

8. (Original) The apparatus as recited in claim 1, wherein the deformable second section includes at least two deformable second sections that each connect to the first section.

9. (Original) The apparatus as recited in claim 1 or 8, wherein the first section is deformable.

10. (Currently Amended) A fatigue relieving/preventing apparatus associated with a vehicular control means, comprising:

at least two discrete first sections that each connect to a predetermined peripheral portion of the vehicular control means; and

a discrete deformable second section that connects to, and extends from, each first section at the predetermined peripheral portion of the vehicular control means, the discrete deformable second section for supporting at least a portion of a vehicular operator's body, with each deformable second section being deformable by the vehicular operator so that the deformable section is substantially out of interference with the vehicular operator's ability to operate the vehicular control means.

11. (Original) The apparatus as recited in claim 10, wherein each deformable second section is deformable in at least one direction when deforming pressure is applied to each discrete such deformable second section.

12. (Original) The apparatus as recited in claim 10, wherein each deformable second section supports a portion of the vehicular operator's body when pressure from such body portion is applied to it in at least one direction.

13. (Original) The apparatus as recited in claim 10, wherein the vehicular control means is capable of controlling at least a nautical vessel, aircraft or ground transportation vehicle.

14. (Original) The apparatus as recited in claim 10, wherein each deformable second section will return to an original first position after deforming pressure is removed therefrom.

15. (Original) The apparatus as recited in claim 10, wherein the portion of the body supported by the deformable second section includes at least a forearm, wrist, or hand.

16. (Original) The apparatus as recited in claim 6 or 15, wherein the apparatus is adjustable for supporting different sizes or types of body portions.

17. (Original) The apparatus as recited in claim 1 or 10, wherein each first section is capable of being formed integral with the vehicular control means.

18. (Original) The apparatus as recited in claim 1 or 10, wherein each first section is capable of being detached from the vehicular control means.

19. (Original) The apparatus as recited in claim 10, wherein each first section is deformable.